

# FREE PRESS.

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THE San Antonio Express says 1,000 men are employed on the International railroad between this place and Austin. Be that as it may, teamsters and others from Austin report the fact that the work is actually and actively progressing. The long agony is over. We breathe freer, and rejoice unspokeably that we are to be linked with the iron chain which measures the best civilization and progress of the world.

BISHOP PELLICER, Roman Catholic of San Antonio, died recently.

THE mercantile house of B. Oppenheimer & Co. of San Antonio has failed, liabilities, \$200,000.

A FRIGHTFUL cyclone passed over Southern Missouri on the 19th causing immense destruction of property and life.

SAN JACINTO day was celebrated at San Antonio by a reunion of the veterans of the State. The proceedings were interesting.

SENSELESS.—The Sheriffs of Guadalupe and Kendall counties published the delinquent tax sales in their newspapers, although no longer compelled by law to do so.

CAPT. PITTS, chief clerk of the Comptroller's office, we see it stated will be a candidate for Comptroller, Col. Darden having declined to run. He is undoubtedly well qualified. We believe he is a son of "Uncle Billy" of this place.

SAN JACINTO day (the 21st.) was duly celebrated at many places. We received two polite invitations, which we appreciated, to attend a picnic on the occasion, near Staples' store, but our business engagements would not permit.

LIEUT. GOV. SAYERS is in the field for Governor. He antagonizes Gov. Roberts at nearly every point, and the contest at present seems to be between them. But if the two-thirds rule should remain in force will they not both be likely to give place to another "dark horse"?

THE Galveston News, which during most of this season has been lending itself to the Grant movement, the other day came round haplessly for Tilden—the first decent article it has published concerning him. "Strays show which way the wind blows."

THERE is quite a muddle over the case of Whitaker, a colored cadet at West Point, who was found one morning tied in his room, his ears cut, and otherwise injured. An investigation has been going on ever since, but there is no clue to the perpetrators. It was for a time suspected that he had tied and injured himself in order to escape an examination for graduation, but this unreasonable theory has been given up. We have no doubt the deed was done by some of the young ruffians among the cadets, with which the institution is infested.

## Tilden the Real Sphinx

to Trading Politicians.

Gen. Grant on account of his taciturnity and reticence as to his plans is sometimes styled "the sphinx"; but we submit that he is far less a puzzle to the average politician than is Mr. Tilden. Him they do not understand at all, and that is one ground of their hatred of him. How a man can wield the manifest power he does, without saying a word or apparently moving a finger, worries and aggravates the vain, tricky, and fussy tribe of political self-seekers almost beyond endurance. Judging him by themselves they will have it that he is engaged in deep-laid machinations for his own re-nomination. The following article from the New York Sun indicates the key, the "true inwardness" of Mr. Tilden's power:

"There is considerable anxiety," says the Press of Philadelphia, "what secret forces Mr. Tilden has at work to secure his nomination."

To those who have ears to hear and eyes to see it is not a difficult problem. Indeed, the forces in question are not secret at all but exceedingly public; and their power is greater than most people suppose.

The cause which now makes Mr. Tilden the most prominent man in the Democratic party, and which is very likely to nominate him at Cincinnati, is simply the fact that in 1876 he was elected President of the United States, and that he and the people were cheated out of the election. This it is, and this alone, which impels the great mass of the Democracy to adhere to him in spite of all opposition, all intrigue and all argument. It is true the difficulties in the way of his election seem well nigh insurmountable; but of this circumstance the people do not seem willing to take much account. In their eyes he represents the whole principle of constitutional self government, he represents the cause of administrative reform, of economy in public affairs, of decent, efficient, and cheap civil service. Moreover, he is for them the embodiment of that great doctrine of constitutional decentralization which maintains at once the authority of the Union and the due independence of the States.

This is the secret force that is at work for Mr. Tilden; and the only real consideration that tends to prevent its success is the doubt whether his strength and health will be sufficient to bear the enormous strain of the canvass and of the subsequent administration of the Presidency.

There is no man about whom the newspapers habitually talk so much nonsense as about Mr. Tilden. He is a shrewd politician, it is true; but in the ordinary sense of the word, in that sense which relates to personal manipulation and small party management, we should call him a poor politician, almost no politician at all.

The one great quality of Mr. Tilden's political superiority as compared with the mass of public persons is that he knows when to do nothing. Where men of a lower order of mind would be as busy as bees, he sits still, trusting to the operation of principle, sentiment, and intellectual cause. If he should be nominated and again elected in 1880, it would be the work of such causes, and nothing else.

## Mr. Tilden.

Democrats have a perfect right to be opposed to Mr. Tilden—they may have good grounds for preferring some other man for president, but there can certainly be no just cause for the low flings and unkind insinuations indulged in by some against him. Mr. Tilden is not a proper object of ridicule, even by his political enemies; and in how much worse taste anything of this kind comes from his own party. The conduct of Samuel J. Tilden, from the commencement of the presidential campaign four years ago up to the present time, has been such as to command the respect of all decent men of every party; and we are sorry to see some papers, claiming to be democratic, speak in disparaging terms of his course. Nobody can point to a word or act of his, during all these long years of excitement, while he was being defrauded and kept out of the seat to which he had been fairly elected by the people, that was not high-toned and honorable. His whole deportment has been that of the perfect gentleman that he is; and all these sneers and flings are ill timed and indecent.

We commend the above truthful article, from the Blanco Star, to the Austin Statesman, Seguin Times and other papers which emulate the Republican organs in abuse of Tilden without rhyme or reason." They remind one of the old stanza:

"I do not like you, Dr. Fell—  
The reason why I cannot tell—  
But I do not like you, Dr. Fell."

So these papers practically say of Mr. Tilden. We believe we could tell why they do not like him, but it might not be best to parade political family secrets before the public. Suffice it to say that the reasons are highly creditable to Mr. Tilden.

THIS has been a lively year with grand juries, not only in western Texas, but elsewhere in the state. The grand jury of Harris county have indicted the county judge and all the commissioners for failure to publish a statement of the finances of the county in July last. Such a publication is never made in this county—why, we are unable to perceive. Surely the tax payers have a right to know "how the money goes."

It is not sure that the Democracy of New York will decide to present the name of S. J. Tilden as a candidate for the presidency. If they do, it may be considered certain they believe he can undoubtedly carry the state.—St. Louis Republic.

## State Democratic Convention

This body convened at Galveston on the 20th. Preliminary speeches were made by Hubbard and Throckmorton. Ashbel Smith was made permanent chairman. The two-thirds rule was adopted by a vote of 240 to 198.

Throckmorton, Hubbard, Ireland and Jack were elected delegates at large to Cincinnati on the first ballot. The following district delegates were elected: From the first district, J. C. Jones, of Rusk, and W. S. Herndon, of Smith. Second district, F. B. Shirley, of Grayson, and B. B. Pad-dock, of Tarrant. Third district, B. H. Davis, of Brazos, and W. E. Hutch-ison, of Harris. Fourth district, J. B. Chesnoweth, of Fannin, and J. B. Liscomb, of Harrison. Fifth district, B. H. Bassett, of Washington, and John Hancock, of Travis. Sixth district, Joe Dwyer, of Bexar, and F. S. Stock-dale, of Dewitt.

THE power of the local press is demonstrated in Hays county, where the county convention has instructed for Tilden. The San Marcos FREE PRESS has been a zealous adherent of Mr. Tilden from the year one, and should he be made president the FREE PRESS man deserves a position in his cabinet, as having secured him his only endorsement in Texas.—Austin Statesman.

We are not so vain as to believe that our advocacy of Mr. Tilden has been so effective as is above stated, though the knock-down arguments in his favor which we have from time to time copied from the Courier-Journal and similar sources, can scarcely have been without some effect. In so far as the FREE PRESS may have been instrumental in the direction indicated, we are and shall always be very proud of it. As to any reward, we expect nothing but the consciousness of having performed an eminently plain and imperative duty, at a most important crisis in our country's history.

MR. TILDEN may not consent to be a candidate for the presidency. He certainly will not allow his name to be used unless the Democracy can carry New York for him. Should the New York delegation present his name with anything like unanimity, it may be considered more than probable he will get the electoral vote of that state.—St. Louis Republican.

A VERY sensible item appears in the last Inquirer and it comes home to many a man who likes to see his name in the local paper whenever he has done something commendable; as improving his property, assuming the role of benefactor, husband or parent, enlarging his business, receiving new wares and many other little congratulatory notices. Yes, these men are fond of this and really expect it, but when they want any printing away goes their order to some distant city, and yet these same persons expect the printer's patronage.

In a lecture at Troy, N. Y. Wendell Phillips said: "It seems to me that the landed aristocracy of Great Britain is doomed; it contends with the vast and limitless production of the prairie, and finds it impossible to maintain its supremacy against that stern competition. I believe that it is written as if in letters of light that the landed aristocracy will within the century come to an end. Once again England's adversity is Ireland's opportunity, and the same spirit of competition is putting an end to the unjust, unequal, and ruinous system of land tenure in Ireland."

THE Fort Wayne (Ind.) Sentinel strikes the nail on the head in this brief paragraph:

"The Washington Post asks Tilden to 'give assurances' that he can carry New York if he is nominated for President. Wonder what kind of assurances the Post would have? Wonder what kind of assurances Thurman, or Hendricks, or Bayard, could give of carrying New York? The fact that Tilden carried New York for Governor and President by handsome majorities, in spite of the opposition of the Tammany and canal rings, is the best 'assurance' that can be given of his ability to carry it again."

## A Denial by Speaker Randall.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—An attempt was made yesterday to make Speaker Randall responsible for the statement telegraphed to a Philadelphia newspaper that Mr. Tilden had prepared a letter announcing his withdrawal from the Presidential race. The Speaker denies that he was responsible for the statement, and says that he has no doubt Mr. Tilden will be a candidate. The story is regarded by Mr. Tilden's friends here as an attempt by his enemies to do him injury. The opponents of Mr. Tilden here have been predicting his death, withdrawal or defeat as a candidate ever since Congress met. He appears to be in good health. He has not withdrawn from the Presidential controversy, and will probably be the Democratic candidate. The present time is, therefore, opportune for the circulation of a falsehood concerning his action.

GRANT has at last returned to Galveston.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
April 14, 1880.

The speech of General Ewing, yesterday, though not necessary to the passage of the army bill with its rider, was a good one, and will make a good campaign document. His exposure of those Republicans who at the extra session voted for this rider—prohibiting payment of troops for police service at the polls—and who now propose to vote against it, was powerful and witty and was thoroughly deserved. The bill now goes to the Senate where it will be passed without doubt.

Now come the Indian and Naval appropriation bills, both of which ought to and probably will be passed this week. There is little in them to provoke discussion. To the Indian bill many amendments will be offered, but they will not lead to long debates.

I am very glad that Mr. Garfield's tariff bill was defeated yesterday in the Senate and Mr. Eaton's adopted. The former provided for a commission of three Senators, three Representatives, and three persons in private life who should report desirable changes in the tariff. The three Senators would represent Mr. Wheeler, and the three Representatives would represent Speaker Randall, and the three private citizens however intelligent they might be, would be hopelessly hampered by this combination of protectionists. It is far better to trust to the fairness of Mr. Hayes in selecting commissioners as provided in the Eaton bill, especially as the Senate has, under the bill, the power to confirm or reject. The Eaton bill authorizes a commission of nine members, to be appointed from civil life and confirmed by the Senate. It is to thoroughly investigate all questions relating to the agricultural, mercantile, commercial, manufacturing, industrial and mining interests of the United States, so far as the same may be necessary to a judicious tariff, or a revision of the existing tariff upon a scale of justice to all interests. The Commission is to make its final report before the first Monday in December 1881. The members are to receive a compensation of \$10 per day and expenses.

Attention should be called to an evil which Senator Withers, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, is attempting, no doubt with the best intentions to put upon the people. He proposes to create from six hundred to eight hundred new Federal officers, with the avowed purpose of expediting the settlement of the pension business of the country. Whether or not his bill would accomplish what he expects I cannot say, with any degree of certainty, I don't think it would. But the point I make is that this is no time to increase our expenses.

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April 24-30

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